

Remarks

Claims 37-51 are pending in the subject application. Applicants hereby reaffirm the election to prosecute the invention of Group I and the antagonist of mutants of CXCL11, with traverse. By way of this amendment, claims 37-51 have been canceled and claims 52-75 have been added (support for the new claim may be found, for example, in the previously presented claims and the original claims). Accordingly, claims 52-75 are currently before the Examiner and read on the elected invention. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

As the Examiner is aware, this application is a national stage application and is subject to the unity of invention rules for restriction. The principles of unity of invention are used to determine the types of claimed subject matter and the combinations of claims to different categories of invention that are permitted to be included in a single international or national stage patent application. The basic principle is that an application should relate to only one invention or, if there is more than one invention, that applicant would have a right to include in a single application only those inventions which are so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. Additionally, a group of inventions is considered linked to form a single general inventive concept where there is a technical relationship among the inventions that involves at least one common or corresponding special technical feature. The expression "special technical feature" is defined as meaning those technical features that define the contribution which each claimed invention, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art.

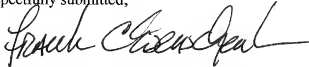
As noted in the previous restriction requirement, restriction was deemed appropriate in view of NCBI Accession No. Q9JHH5. By way of this response, Applicants have submitted new claims consistent with the restriction requirement previously issued in this matter, assert that the newly presented claims share at least one special technical feature that is not disclosed by the cited prior art and that the claims now comply with the unity of invention requirements. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement issued in this matter is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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